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FOR GEORGE A DALLEY THROUGH WILLIAM HALLMAN

FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 7328 ACTION SECSTATE 26 AUG 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 7328

FOR ASST SECY MAYNES FROM AMB. VANDEN HEUVEL

E O 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO, PLAB

SUBJ: ILO: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

EF: STATE 202728

1. IN ANTICIPATION YOUR REFTTEL, I HAD ACCEPTED A DINNER INVITATION OF THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR FOR LAST NIGHT. THE GUESTS INCLUDES AMBASSADORS OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, INDIA, JORDAN, YUGOSLAVIA, SUDAN, CHILE AND MEXICO; ALSO GENEVA REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE.

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2. IN THE COURSE OF THE EVENING, WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A REVIEW OF THE ILO SITUATION. THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77, IS MEETING BLANCHARD ON MONDAY TO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL COPY OF THE LEVGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION. HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY SIGNIFICANT OBJECTION TO IT WITHIN THE G-77. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD STRONGLY

PREFER THE U.S. TO WITHDRAW ITS NOVEMBER 1975
LETTER SO AS TO REMOVE "A SWORD OF DAMOCLES," HE
BELIEVES THAT IF THE U.S. CHOOSES THE OPTION TO
EXTEND THE NOTICE, THE PRESIDENT WOULD DO IT IN
SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE THE AMERICAN OBJECTIVES
REALIZABLE WITHIN THE YEAR BY REAFFIRMING CARTER
ADMINISTRATION ATTITUDES TOWARD THE LDCS WHICH
INCLUDES LISTENING AND HEARING G-77 ASPIRATIONS
REGARDING THE ILO.

3. THE DISCUSSION CLEARLY REFLECTED THAT THERE
WERE NO IDEOLOGICAL OBSTACLES TO U.S. OBJECTIVES
IN THIS GROUP. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED
THAT A SMALL AND COMPLETELY INFORMAL GROUP BE
ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY AT THE AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL TO BRING ABOUT A RESPONSIBLE DISCUSSION
RELATING TO ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT AND OTHER RESTRUCTURING
PROPOSALS. G-77, EC-9 AND IMEC GROUPS WILL BE
ASKED INFORMALLY TO DESIGNATE AMBASSADORS WHO CAN
REFLECT BROAD VIEWPOINTS OF THEIR GROUPS. THE
HOPE IS TO DEFINE THE SITUATION IN A REALISTIC
FRAMEWORK. EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT ANY CONCLUSIVE
DISCUSSION OF ILO STRUCTURE AND PURPOSES WILL
TAKE MONTHS BUT THE AMBASSADORS PRESENT LAST
NIGHT HOPE THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WILL
REVEAL A BROAD RANGE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH
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MAY ENCOURAGE U.S. TO CONCLUDE THAT ADDITIONAL
TIME MAY BOTH ACHIEVE U.S. OBJECTIVES AND SAVE
THE ILO. VANDEN HEUVEL.
UNQUOTE VANCE.

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